

Elder/Leader Qualifications Study

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." — Jeremiah 29:13

1 Timothy 3:1-7 — Qualifications for Elders

- Above reproach, faithful to one spouse, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach
- Not a drunkard, not violent, gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money
- Manages his own household well, with his children submissive and respectful
- Not a recent convert, and well thought of by outsiders

Titus 1:6-9 — Additional Qualifications

- Not arrogant, not quick-tempered
- A lover of good, upright, holy, and disciplined
- Holds firm to sound doctrine, able to both teach it and rebuke false teaching

Note: these are character qualifications more than skill qualifications — maturity and integrity matter more than charisma or ability alone.